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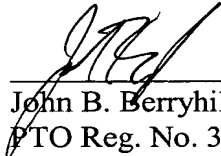
Art Unit: 2644
Examiner: Jeffrey F. Harold

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 11, 23, and 30, under 35 USC §103 as allegedly obvious in view of Eom (U.S. Pat. No. 6,625,279) and “official notice” of the Examiner set forth on page 5 of the Action concerning “well know[n] prior art”. The Examiner’s statement is not in the form of an affidavit of personal knowledge, nor is the statement supported by reference to prior art.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s statement of Official Notice under MPEP 2144.03. On the record, the rejection of claims 2, 11, 23 and 30, is not supported by an Examiner affidavit of personal knowledge, nor by reference to admissible prior art. As such, the rejections of the claims under 35 USC §103 on “Official Notice” cannot stand, and the rejection should either be supported by affidavit or reference in the manner set forth in MPEP 2144.03, or the claims as hereby amended should be allowed and proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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